

Remarks

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8-12, 15-17, 19, 24-26 are amended. With the exception of claims 1 and 17, the Amendments to these claims are for clarification purposes only and are not intended to limit the scope of these claims in any way.

The drawings are objected to as containing informalities. A new set of formal drawings is enclosed. No substantive changes have been made. Entry of these new drawings and withdraw of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

The Office Action requests that a new title be submitted. The current Amendment submits a new title. Reconsideration of the objection to the title is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 are rejected under the 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. The Office Action only references specific perceived problems in claims 1, 2, 4 and 8. With respect to claim 1, the Office Action indicates that there is no antecedent basis for the term "the second host computer" in line 16 of claim 1. Applicants respectfully refer the Examiner to line 8 of claim 1 which first recites the "second host computer."

With respect to claim 2, the Office Action states that the function of the claimed instructions is not understood. Additionally, the Examiner indicates that the application-specific business logic is not a piece of the claimed presentational information. Applicants respectfully refer the Examiner to page 17, lines 12-line 17 which discusses how the operating environment of the requesting computer 20 is forwarded to application server 40 so that application server 40 can provide information 43 including the limitations listed in claim 2. As such, it is asserted that the scope of claim 2 is clear and defined by the specification.

With respect to claim 8, it appears that the Examiner is asserting the same rejection as that asserted for claim 2 and therefore, Applicants reiterate the comments referenced above for claim 2.

With respect to claim 4, the Examiner indicates that Applicants may have meant to claim "drag" instead of claiming, "drag and drop." Typically, when something is "dragged" along a computer screen, it is eventually "dropped" somewhere. As such, it is believed that Claim 4 accurately recites some of the features of the invention.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1-16 on the 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully requested in light of the remarks above.

Claims 1-2, 17, 18 and 21-26 are rejected under the 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,009,410 to LeMole et al. ("LeMole"). Claims 3-11 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over LeMole in view of US Patent 5,877,765 to Dickman ("Dickman").

In order to establish a prima facie case of obviousness, the cited prior art must, in combination, recite all of the claimed limitations. See, e.g., MPEP § 706.02 (j). Among the limitations of independent claim 1, as amended, which are neither disclosed nor suggested even in the combination of the cited art are:

- sending second information relating to the operating environment of the client computer, from the client computer to the second host computer;

- retrieving, over the second communication connection, third information including presentation information for presenting an application and fourth information, the presentation information being based on the second information;

- presenting, at the client computer, the application and the fourth information based upon the presentational information. . . .

Similarly, among the limitations of independent claim 17, which are neither disclosed nor suggested even in the combination of the art of the record are:

a second server computer for storing applications and second information invoked by said embedded computer program code and first information including presentational information for presenting said invoked applications and second information, the presentational information including information relating to the operating environment of a requesting client computer . . .

said communication connection for receiving said first information and for presenting said invoked application and said second information at said requesting client computer. . . .

Among the limitations of independent Claim 26, which are neither disclosed nor suggested even in the combination of the art of record are:

said computer program code comprising. . .an operating system program code segment, one executable at each of said plurality of client computers; and

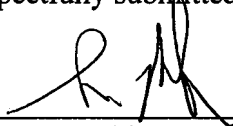
a plurality of presentation client computer program code segments. . .for retrieving presentational information and presenting at each of said client computers, in cooperation with said operating system computer program code segment, said applications and said first information based on said presentational information.

While independent claims 1 and 17 did include references to "presentational information" as filed, Applicant have amended these claims to more clearly indicate that the presentational information relates to an operating environment of client computer. Such limitations were present in independent claim 26 as filed. The Office Action cites to the LeMole reference as showing all of the limitations in all of the independent claims 1, 17 and 26- including, apparently, the discussion of the claimed presentational information and it's relationship to the operating environment. However, in the explanation of the apparent teachings of the LeMole reference in the Office Action, there was no discussion of how this presentation

information is shown in LeMole. A review of the LeMole reference similarly reveals that it does not disclose such teaching. As such, it is asserted that independent claims 1, 17 and 26 are patentable over the LeMole reference.

The Dickman reference is not cited to show, and does not appear to show, the teachings referenced above in independent claims 1, 17 and 26. As such, is asserted that these independent claims are patentable over even the combination of LeMole and Dickman. Dependent Claims 2-16 and 18-25 all depend upon claims 1 and 17 and include additional limitations which are also neither shown nor suggested in the art of record. It is asserted that these claims are patentable as well. Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is respectfully requested in light of the remarks above.

Respectfully submitted,

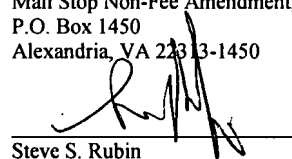


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